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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 18, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROB BISHOP to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BASS) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Maury Davis, Pastor, Cornerstone Church, Madison, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to You in the matchless Name of Jesus Christ on behalf of our United States House of Representatives.

The men and the women who serve in this House have been entrusted with a divine and eternal responsibility to make decisions directing the greatest Nation that has ever been developed on the face of the Earth. This Nation, born by men and women of faith, needs Your help in this generation. I pray that You will speak to every heart in this room about Your love for them, as well as Your hopes and desires for greatness in each individual.

I pray in this House that there will be godly wisdom and spiritual insight into the circumstances that seem to be just happenstance. I pray for the people in this room that they will live their lives in such a way that the youth of this Nation can model themselves after them, that the laws they pass will help to perpetuate our national Christian heritage, and that their lives will leave a legacy of good, not of evil.

I pray for their families that, as they serve our country, their children will not be left out or left behind. I pray that You will use this body for Your glory and for the glory of the kingdom of God.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. DAVIS)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 103. Concurrent resolution honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by "Rosie the Riveter", who served on the homefront during World War II, and for other purposes.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND MAURY DAVIS

(Mr. COOPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, we welcome today Pastor Maury Davis, who delivered our prayer.

Pastor Davis was arrested at age 18 for the crime of first-degree murder. Following his trial and conviction, he served 8½ years in the Texas Department of Corrections. During his incarceration, Maury found his Savior in Jesus Christ and led a revival among his fellow prisoners.

Following his unexpected release from prison, Maury served on the pastoral staff of Calvary Temple in Irving, Texas, under the leadership of Dr. J. Don George where he served as the Youth Pastor. There he met and married his wife, Gail, and in 1986 they became the parents of triplets, Gabrielle, Danielle and Galen. In 1994 their son, Dillon, was added to their family.

After 5 years at Calvary Temple, Maury answered the call to full-time

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evangelism and the young family traveled across the United States preaching in churches, youth camps, Bible schools and speaking to teens in public schools.

In 1991, after preaching one Sunday at the 250-member Cornerstone Church in Madison, Tennessee, Maury was offered the position of Senior Pastor. He accepted that appointment and has led Cornerstone to its current average attendance of 2,200 people every Sunday. He is also serving as an Executive Presbyter of the Tennessee District of the Assemblies of God.

We welcome Pastor Maury Davis to the House of Representatives today.

TAXATION'S EVIL TWIN

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, this week the House will take up the second component of our careers initiative to unshackle the national economy and unleash the potential of the American people on the global market.

Last week, we passed three major bills to help doctors, patients and consumers retake control of the American health care system from government bureaucrats and trial lawyers. This week we are setting our sights on an even bigger target, the invisible monster of the Federal regulatory state.

Today, in America, Federal regulations cost American consumers and companies more than \$800 billion a year, about \$8,000 for an average American family every year. That is more than that family spends on food. Those \$800 billion could be saved, invested, used to train employees or create millions of new jobs.

We in the Republican majority think it is about time that that money was put toward those better uses than being swallowed up by Beltway bureaucrats and outdated rules and regulations. That is why we will take up legislation this week that reforms four aspects of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, to bring parity and common sense back to the regulatory review and citation process.

We will also take up major legislation specifically targeting the massive amounts of paperwork that consume not only hundreds of thousands of man-hours and millions of trees every year, but upwards of \$320 billion as well. Because when you think about this kind of job-killing, career-stagnating menace, Mr. Speaker, you realize that regulation is just taxation's evil twin. All you have to do is imagine the Internal Revenue Code dressed in black with an eye-patch and you have got the Federal Register.

For decades, layer upon layer of rules and regulations, many of them duplicative and many more of them self-contradictory, have been foisted upon the American people, their employers and their employees. The time has come for Congress to begin moving toward uni-

versal regulatory reform and looking for new ways to reduce and eliminate bureaucratic red tape.

This week, we will begin that process and allow the American people to go back to work for their customers and clients instead of their Federal overseers in Washington, D.C.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Are we in the 1-minute section of the calendar?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is recognizing Members for 1-minute speeches.

Mr. McDERMOTT. And the Chair is keeping time?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair accords traditional treatment to the party leaders.

911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, every day in America there are over 150,000 911 calls made from a cell phone. This represents more than 25 percent of all 911 calls made in our country. Each one of these calls is singly one of the most important ones that an individual will make. Yet most Americans would be shocked to learn that the majority of our country's Public Safety Answering Points still do not have Enhanced 911, or E-911, technology needed to track the location of the emergency caller on their mobile phone. This is unacceptable. Most, if not all, mobile phone users buy them for the added security of knowing that if they need to make a 911 call, help will be on the way shortly.

I am proud that the House, supported by the E-911 Caucus, passed legislation providing Federal grants to enhance our emergency communications system and make E-911 a reality. Now it is time for the other body to act. With so much weighing on these calls, we have to do everything we can to accelerate the deployment of this lifesaving technology.

ARE YOU BETTER OFF?

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the question that President-to-be Ronald Reagan made famous in the debate in 1980: "Are you better off today than you were 4 years ago?"

The answer, of course, for most Americans is "no." Under President Bush and the Republican Congress, most Americans have suffered. If you

are a taxpayer, you are not better off. We went from a budget that was in balance in 1999, the deficit was zero, and on a path to a \$5.6 trillion surplus to one now that is half a trillion dollars in debt this year alone.

If you are a senior, you are not better off because prescription drug costs for seniors have skyrocketed 44 percent in the last 4 years. And what do they get but a hoax of a prescription drug bill.

If you are a student, you are not better off because the Bush administration has underfunded the No Child Left Behind Act by \$27 billion since 2001 and wants to cut funding for higher education by \$1.3 billion while college tuition has increased by 28 percent.

If you are a worker, you are not better off because 2.2 million jobs have been lost and the unemployment rate is 5.6 percent, one-third higher than the 4.2 percent when President Bush took office. And workers are not better off because wages have failed to keep pace with inflation. Wages rose a mere nickel between March and April.

If you are a consumer, you are not better off because gas prices have increased from \$1.26 to a record \$2.01 a gallon since President Bush took office.

In the next few days, we will be offering further lists of grievances of the reckless policies of the Bush administration and the Republican Congress. Clearly, we are not better off since President Bush took office.

COMMUNICATION FROM SOLDIER STATIONED IN IRAQ

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, this weekend we celebrate the greatest generation, our World War II veterans. I am here to say that I think we have the next greatest generation, and that is our men and women serving today around the world. This is an e-mail from one of them:

"Thank you, sir, for the note. I appreciate your concern for the troops stationed in Iraq. I am flying Blackhawks based in Balad, Iraq. I am currently working with another West Point graduate, a very capable infantry officer from the class of 2001, in developing an Air QRF team to respond to mortar and rocket attacks on the air base. We have been operational for about 10 days and are still refining our tactics and writing SOPs, but it is going well. I am impressed with the commitment the Army has made to good food, hot showers and decent living conditions.

"I have spent 16 years training, burned countless gallons of jet fuel and have flown over 1,800 hours in preparation for this deployment, and I am proud to serve and give the country something back for all it has invested in me.

"I have a wife and two young boys. I miss them very much. We are blessed